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This is a request for filing a
Continuation
X Divisional

application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial
No. 09/271416 filed on March 17, 1999 of Strobel et al.
for METHOD FOR MAKING DIE BOARDS, AND MATERIALS AND APPARATUS FOR
PRACTICING THE METHOD

1. Copy of Prior Application as Filed Which is Attached

X I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of
what is shown in my records to be the above identified prior
application, including the oath or declaration originally
filed (37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))

The copy of the papers of prior application as filed which are
attached are as follows:

- 9 page(s) of specification
- 7 page(s) of claims
- 1 page(s) of abstract
- sheet(s) of drawing(s)
- 3 page(s) of declaration and power of attorney
- 2 page(s) of preliminary amendment filed with prior application

If the copy of the declaration being filed does not show applicant's
signature indicate thereon that it was signed and complete the following:

- in accordance with the indication required by 37 C.F.R. 53(b)
my records reflect that the original signed declaration showing
applicant's signature was filed on
- the amendment referred to in the declaration filed to complete
the prior application and I hereby state, in accordance with
the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), that this amendment did
not introduce new matter therein.

2. Amendments

- X Cancel in this application original claims 1-29
of the prior application before calculating the filing fee
- X A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this
amendment have been properly numbered consecutively
beginning with the number next following the highest
numbered original claim in the prior application.)

5. Fee Calculation

	Small Entity	Large Entity
Basic Fee	\$345.00	\$690.00

Total Claims: 4 - 20 = 0
(Small \$9.00 Large \$18.00)

Independent
Claims: 1 - 3 = 0
(Small \$39.00 Large \$78.00)

Multiple dependent
claims: _____ = _____
(Small \$130.00 Large \$260.00)

Total \$ 690.00

_____ Fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time.

4. Small Entity Status

_____ a verified statement that this filing is by a small entity is:
_____ attached
_____ filed in the parent application and such status is still
proper and desired (37 C.F.R. 1.28(a))

5. Drawings

_____ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this
application and, subject to item 13 below, abandon said prior
application as of the filing date accorded this application. A
duplicate copy of this request is enclosed for filing in the
prior application file. (may only be used if signed by
(1) applicant (2) assignee of record or (3) attorney or agent
of record authorized by 37 C.F.R. 1.138 and before payment of
issue fee).
_____ Transfer the following sheet(s) of drawing from the prior
application to this application _____
X New drawings are enclosed.
_____ formal
X informal

6. Priority - 35 U.S.C. 119

_____ Priority of application Serial No. _____ filed
on _____ in _____ is claimed
under 35 U.S.C. 119.
_____ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial
No. _____ filed on _____

7. Relate Back - 35/U.S.C. 120

X Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the
sentence:
This is a _____ continuation
X divisional
application of pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/271,416 filed
on March 17, 1999

8. Assignment

X The prior application is assigned of record to Gerber Scientific Products, Inc.
Assignment recorded in Patent and Trademark Office on June 7, 1999
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X An assignment of the invention to Gerber Scientific Products, Inc. is attached.